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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the reference(s) listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the listed references are enclosed.

References E1-E7 and F1-F3 were cited in connection with Applicants' Fifth Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449, which were filed the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 7, 2000. The Examiner has indicated the Applicants' Fifth Information Disclosure Statement will not be considered because it was mailed after receipt of the Notice of Allowance and did not include the appropriate petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d). Further, the Examiner has indicated that Applicants' Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), filed March 19,

2001, will not be granted because it was mailed after payment of the issue fee. Applicants are therefore resubmitting the references not previously considered. Submitted herewith is Applicants' Petition to Withdrawal From Issue Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2) and Applicants' Request For Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(b).

Applicants hereby petition for the consideration of this Fifth Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(2).

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in conjunction of the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees be deemed necessary (except payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any over payment to Jenkins & Gilchrist Account No. 10-0447/47171-00139USC1.

Respectfully submitted,

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